Foreign investors in road sector

† 2105. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of participation of foreign investors at present to construct roads in Indian road sector;

(b) the percentage of investment during 1996 to 31st March, 2001;

(c) the States where the construction work of roads has been commenced with the help of foreign investment; and

(d) the length of the National Highways constructed during a decade as per the national average?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) During the period 1996 to 31.3.2001 only one project costing Rs. 760 crores in Andhra Pradesh has been taken up by foreign investors.

(d) A length of 24048 km. of roads has been added to National Highway system during the last 10 years raising the national average to 17.5 km. of National Highway length per 1000 sq. km.

Agro-Based Industries in Meghalaya

2106. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign investment proposals to set up agro-based industries in Meghaiaya during the last three years;

(b) the details of the proposals for various projects sanctioned and implemented in the State during the said period under the new economic reforms; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

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